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SUBJECT: NARCOTICS: LAO REQUEST FOR UNFDAC ASSISTANCE

REF: (A) VIENTIANE 7483; (B) GENEVA 5732; (C) STATE
213983; (D) GENEVA 4937 (NOTAL)

1. SUBJECT TO COMMENTS IN PARA 2, THE USG WOULD FAVOR A UN-SPONSORED EFFORT IN LAOS. DETERMINING THE NATURE OF SUCH AN EFFORT MIGHT BEST AWAIT FURTHER DISCUSSIONS WITH RLG AND ON-THE-GROUND INVESTIGATION, IN CASE PROGRAM OTHER THAN CROP SUBSTITUTION MIGHT ON FURTHER CONSIDERATION BE DEEMED MORE DESIRABLE.

2. DEPT BELIEVES UNFDAC SHOULD BE AS RESPONSIVE AS ITS RESOURCES PERMIT TO REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE FROM COUNTRIES WITH SIGNIFICANT NARCOTICS PROBLEMS. WE NOTE, HOWEVER, THE NEED DESCRIBED PARA 5, REF (D) FOR THE FUND QUOTE TO MOVE FORWARD...WITH SIZEABLE PROGRAMS IN BURMA AND AFGHANISTAN ...TO CARRY OUT PROGRAM ALREADY AGREED FOR LEBANON AS WELL AS TO RESPOND TO NEPAL'S REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE UNQUOTE AND THE NEED WHICH AROSE SUBSEQUENTLY TO CONSIDER VARIOUS PROGRAMS FOR PAKISTAN. WE ALSO NOTE THAT USG ALREADY HAS MAJOR DRUG RELATED PROGRAM UNDERWAY IN LAOS INCLUDING CROP SUBSTITUTION ELEMENTS. IN SUM WE WANT TO INSURE THAT UNFDAC

HAS SUFFICIENT RESOURCES OF STAFF AND FINANCES TO

UNDERTAKE A USEFUL PROGRAM IN LAOS.

3. MISSION IS REQUESTED TO CONVEY USG REACTION TO UNFDAC REPRESENTATIVES, EMPHASIZING TO THEM THE NECESSITY, IF THEY DECIDE TO LAUNCH PROGRAM IN LAOS, OF INVOLVING THE RLG IN THE PROGRAM BY WORKING FROM THE VERY BEGINNING THROUGH THE APPROPRIATE MINISTRIES OF THE RLG.

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